

IC 20-31-3

Chapter 3. Adoption of Academic Standards

IC 20-31-3-1

Adoption of academic standards

Sec. 1. The state board shall adopt clear, concise, and jargon free state academic standards that are comparable to national and international academic standards. These academic standards must be adopted for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 for the following subjects:

- (1) English/language arts.
- (2) Mathematics.
- (3) Social studies.
- (4) Science.

For grade levels tested under the ISTEP program, the academic standards must be based in part on the results of the ISTEP program.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.

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Development of subject area academic standards

Sec. 2. The department shall develop academic standards for the following subject areas for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12:

- (1) English/language arts.
- (2) Mathematics.
- (3) Social studies.
- (4) Science.
- (5) Other subject areas as determined by the department.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.

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Revising and updating academic standards

Sec. 3. The department shall revise and update academic standards:

- (1) for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12;
and
- (2) in each subject area listed in section 2 of this chapter;

at least once every six (6) years. This revision must occur on a cyclical basis that coincides with the textbook adoption cycle established in IC 20-20-5-6.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.

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Academic standards committee

Sec. 4. The state superintendent shall appoint an academic standards committee composed of subject area teachers during the period when a subject area is undergoing revision.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.

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Recommendations on academic standards

Sec. 5. An academic standards committee shall submit recommendations on academic standards for a subject area to the education roundtable established by IC 20-19-4-2 for review by the educational roundtable.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.

IC 20-31-3-6**Curriculum program**

Sec. 6. The curriculum program of each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 in a school in a school corporation must be consistent with the following standards:

- (1) The academic standards developed under this chapter.
- (2) The student competencies developed for the Core 40 college preparation curriculum models established under IC 20-30-10.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.

IC 20-31-3-7**Duties of department**

Sec. 7. The department shall do the following:

- (1) Distribute the academic standards established under this chapter to each school corporation for distribution by the school corporation to the parent of each student in the school corporation.
- (2) Survey parents of students, members of the business community, representatives of higher education, and educators on the importance and applicability of academic standards.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.15.